



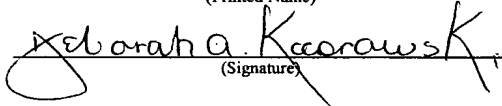
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Attorney Docket No. 048674-0310

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Dallas et al.  
Title: RETENTION  
SYSTEM FOR A  
HAND TOOL  
COMBINATION  
Application No.: 10/715,890  
Application Filing Date: 11/18/2003  
Examiner: Hamilton, Isaac N.  
Art Unit: 3724  
Confirmation No.: 3688

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**  
**TRANSMITTAL**

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified patent application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the Issue Fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a Notice of Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. § 141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. § 145 or § 146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

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1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114: (check items that apply)

a. Previously submitted:

- ☒ [ X ] Please enter and consider the Reply and Amendment previously filed on May 12, 2006.
- ☐ [ ] Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on \_\_\_ but not considered.
- ☐ [ ] Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply previously filed on \_\_\_.
- ☐ [ ] Other \_\_\_.

b. Enclosed are:

- ☒ [ X ] Reply and Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.113, 1.116 previously filed on May 12, 2006 (12 pages).
- ☐ [ ] Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).
- ☐ [ ] Information Disclosure Statement.
- ☐ [ ] Form PTO-1449 with copies of \_\_\_ listed reference(s).
- ☐ [ ] Other .

Miscellaneous:

- ☐ [ ] Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_ months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended	Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	Rate	Fee Totals
RCE Fee 1.17(e):				\$790.00	= \$790.00
Total Claims:	32	- 34	= 0	x \$50.00	= \$0.00
Independents	4	- 4	= 0	x \$200.00	= \$0.00
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims:				+ \$360.00	= \$0.00
CLAIMS FEE TOTAL:					= \$790.00

☐ The Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

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EXTENSION FEE SUBTOTAL:				\$0.00
EXTENSION FEE ALREADY PAID: -				\$0.00
EXTENSION FEE TOTAL				\$0.00
CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:				\$790.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):			\$0.00
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TOTAL FEE:				\$790.00

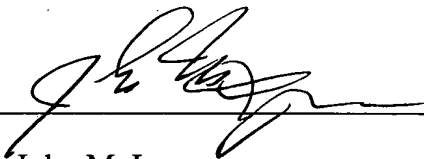
A credit card payment form in the amount of \$790.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment form being unsigned, providing incorrect information resulting in a rejected credit card transaction, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date 6/14/2006

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